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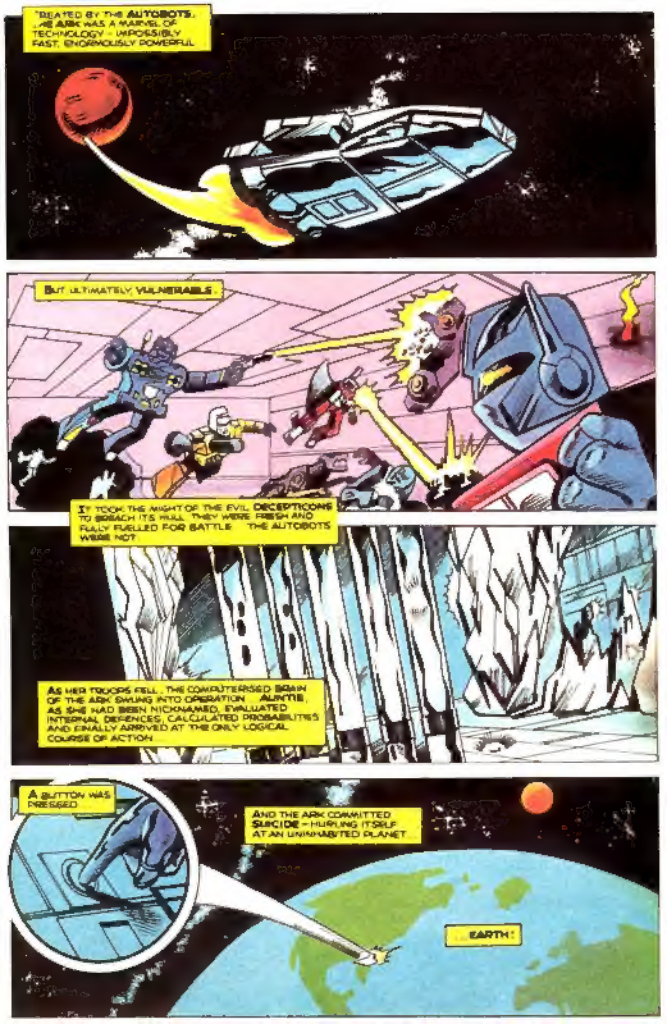
WITH LASERBEAK IN YOUR JUNE CALENDAR!

THE TRANSFORMERS

HEROIC AUTOBOT

WARRIOR ROBOTS IN DISGUISE

THE ARK IS INVADED!


"BEATEN BY THE AUTOBOTS, THE ARK WAS A MARVEL OF TECHNOLOGY - IMPOSSIBLY FAST, ENORMOUSLY POWERFUL
BUT ULTIMATELY VULNERABLE.
IT TOOK THE MIGHT OF THE EVIL DECEPTICONS TO BREACH ITS HULL. THEY WERE FRESH AND FULLY FUELLED FOR BATTLE. THE AUTOBOTS WERE NOT.
AS HER TROOPS FELL, THE COMPUTERISED BRAIN OF THE ARK SWUNG INTO OPERATION. ALINTIR, AS SHE HAD BEEN NICKNAMED, EVALUATED INTERNAL DEFENCES, CALCULATED PROBABILITIES AND FINALLY ARRIVED AT THE ONLY LOGICAL COURSE OF ACTION
A BUTTON WAS PRESSED
AND THE ARK COMMITTED SUICIDE - HURLING ITSELF AT AN UNINHABITED PLANET
EARTH!

AND NOW, HISTORY IS ABOUT TO REPEAT ITSELF - AS THE DECEPTICONS ONCE AGAIN SEEK TO CAPTURE THE LAST OF THE GREAT ARKS
RAIDERS OF THE LAST ARK
NOW
ATTACK!
FIGURES CLOSING FAST ALERT OPTIMUS PRIME
WE'RE UNDER SEIGE!
SCRIPT SIMON FURMAN
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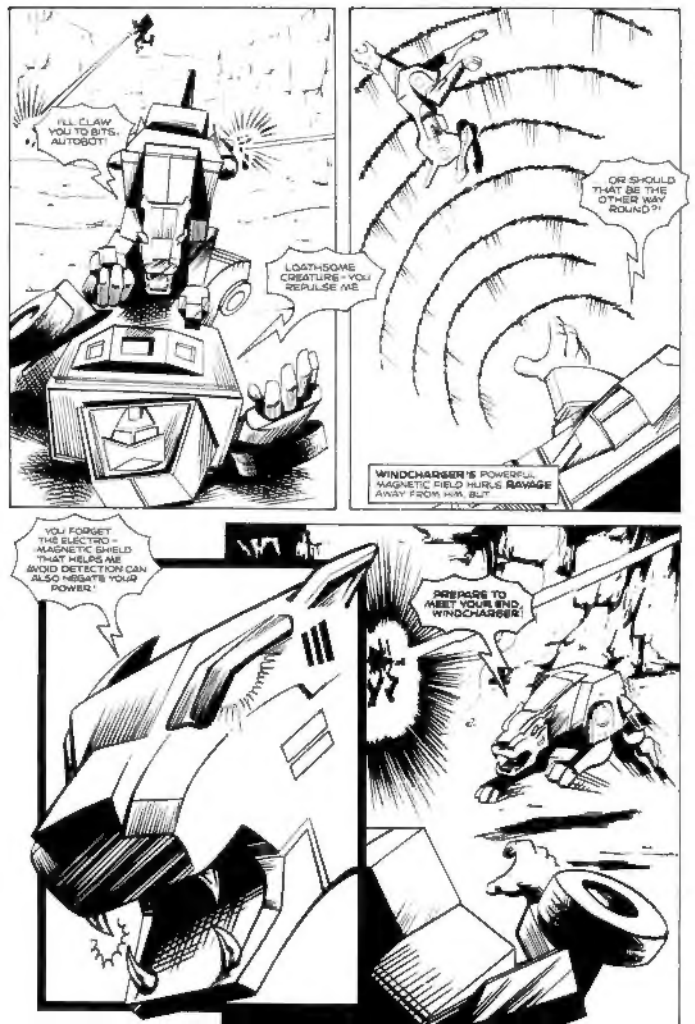
AS LASERBEAK'S FORCE BEAM TEARS THROUGH THE HULL BUZZSAW CARVES HIS OWN ENTRANCE
SSSHHRR!
HA! LOOK AT THEM! FALL BEFORE OUR MIGHT! THE OTHERS WILL ONLY BE LEFT WITH THE
PIECES!
SAA,ARGH!
SCRAK!
CALL YOURSELVES WARRIORS?
ARM UP AND FOLLOW ME OUTSIDE
LASERBEAK'S DOWN!
AND HERE COME THE AUTOBOTS IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!
PICK YOUR TARGETS AND MAKE SURE YOUR SHOTS COUNT

AND SO THE BATTLE BEGINS WITH NO QUARTER ASKED AND NONE GIVEN!
ZAKOW!
ZZAK!
WAZ!
SPLOW!
LET'S SEE IF JAZZ CAN MAKE THINGS HOT FOR YOU SOUNDWAVE!
WHOOSH!
VERY IMPRESSIVE. BUT MY ARMOUR'S MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOUR WEAPON
A PITY THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID OF YOURS
ARRGH!
ZOW!


I'LL CLAW YOU TO BITS, AUTOBOT!
LOATHSOME CREATURE - YOU REPULSE ME
OR SHOULD THAT BE THE OTHER WAY ROUND?!
WINDCHARGER'S POWERFUL MAGNETIC FIELD HURLS RAVAGE AWAY FROM HIM, BUT
YOU FORGET THE ELECTRO - MAGNETIC SHIELD THAT HELPS ME AVOID DETECTION CAN ALSO NEGATE YOUR POWER!
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR END, WINDCHARGER!

SEE WHY THEY CALL ME RUMBLE, AUTOBOT?
I'M TOUGHER THAN YOU'LL EVER BE!
YOU IMBECILE!
YOU HAVE NO CONCEPTION OF THE MEANING OF TOUGH!
LET ME ENLIGHTEN YOU!
CHAKOW!
NEXT:
AUNTIE: JUDGE, JURY... AND EXECUTIONER?

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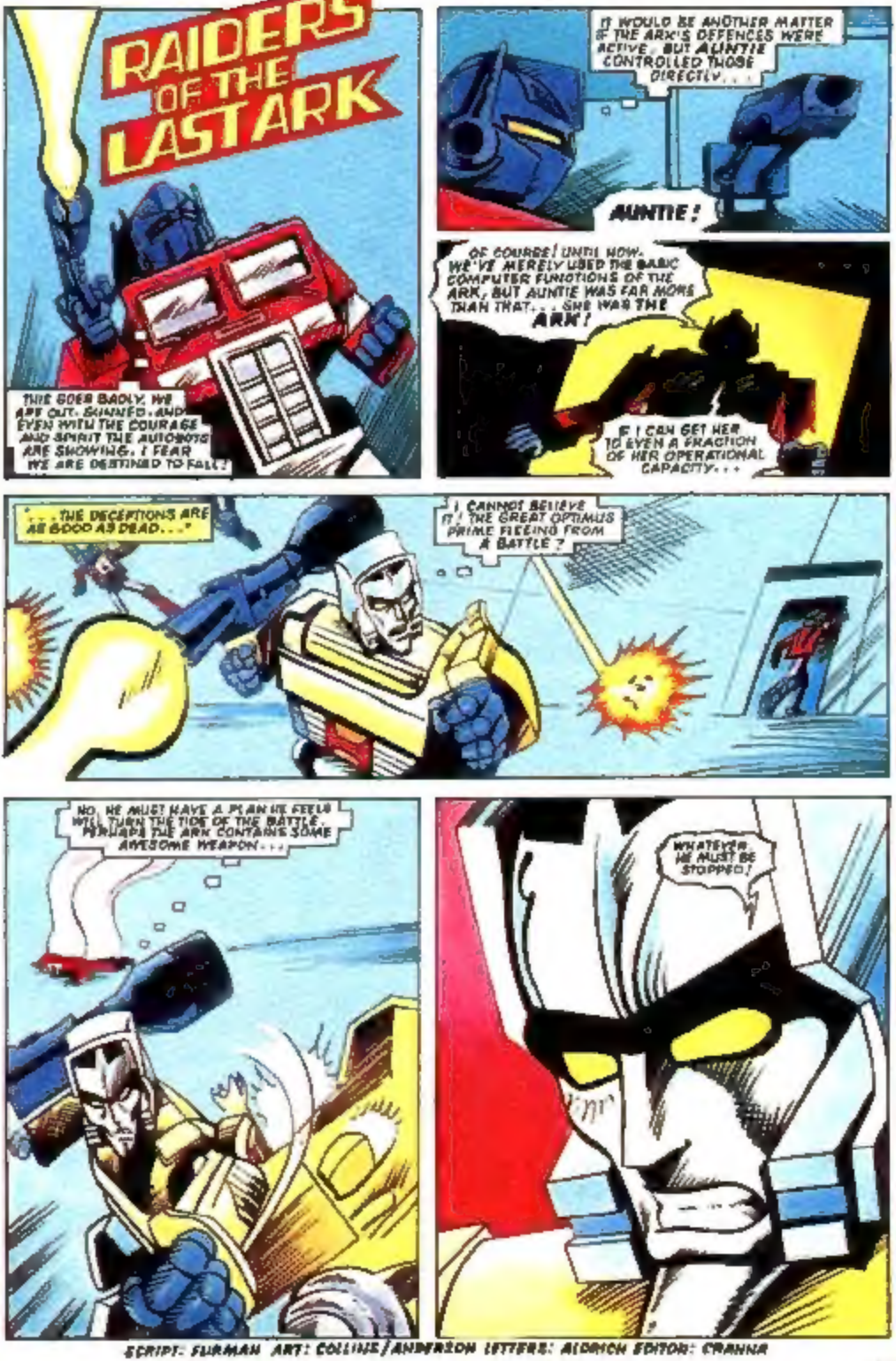
WARRIOR ROBOTS IN DISGUISE

INTRODUCING AUNTIE – a force to be reckoned with!


RAIDERS OF THE LAST ARK
THIS GOES BADLY, WE ARE OUT-GUNNED, AND EVEN WITH THE COURAGE AND SPIRIT THE AUTOBOTS ARE SHOWING, I FEAR WE ARE DESTINED TO FALL!
IT WOULD BE ANOTHER MATTER IF THE ARK'S DEFENCES WERE ACTIVE, BUT AUNTIE CONTROLLED THOSE DIRECTLY...
AUNTIE!
OF COURSE! UNTIL NOW, WE'VE MERELY USED THE BASIC COMPUTER FUNCTIONS OF THE ARK, BUT AUNTIE WAS FAR MORE THAN THAT... SHE WAS THE ARK!
IF I CAN GET HER TO EVEN A FRACTION OF HER OPERATIONAL CAPACITY...
"...THE DECEPTIONS ARE AS GOOD AS DEAD..."
I CANNOT BELIEVE IT! THE GREAT OPTIMUS PRIME FLEEING FROM A BATTLE?
NO, HE MUST HAVE A PLAN! HE FEELS WILL TURN THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE... PERHAPS THE ARK CONTAINS SOME AWESOME WEAPON...
WHATEVER, HE MUST BE STOPPED!

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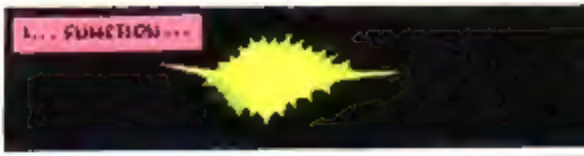
ALMOST THERE. I'VE RECONNECTED THE MAIN TERMINALS... TROUBLE IS I DON'T KNOW HOW BADLY SHE WAS DAMAGED IN THE CRASH...

WAKE UP, AUNTIE... WE NEED YOUR HELP...
...I NEED TIME TO DO THIS PROPERLY...

KREEECH!
WHA-? UUNNGH!

A WASTED EFFORT, MY OLD ENEMY. BY NOW YOU SHOULD REALISE THE FUTILITY OF STRUGGLE.
HE'S RIGHT... I'VE FAILED...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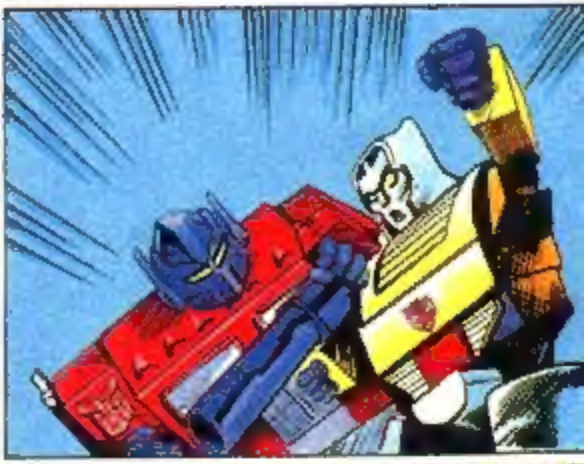
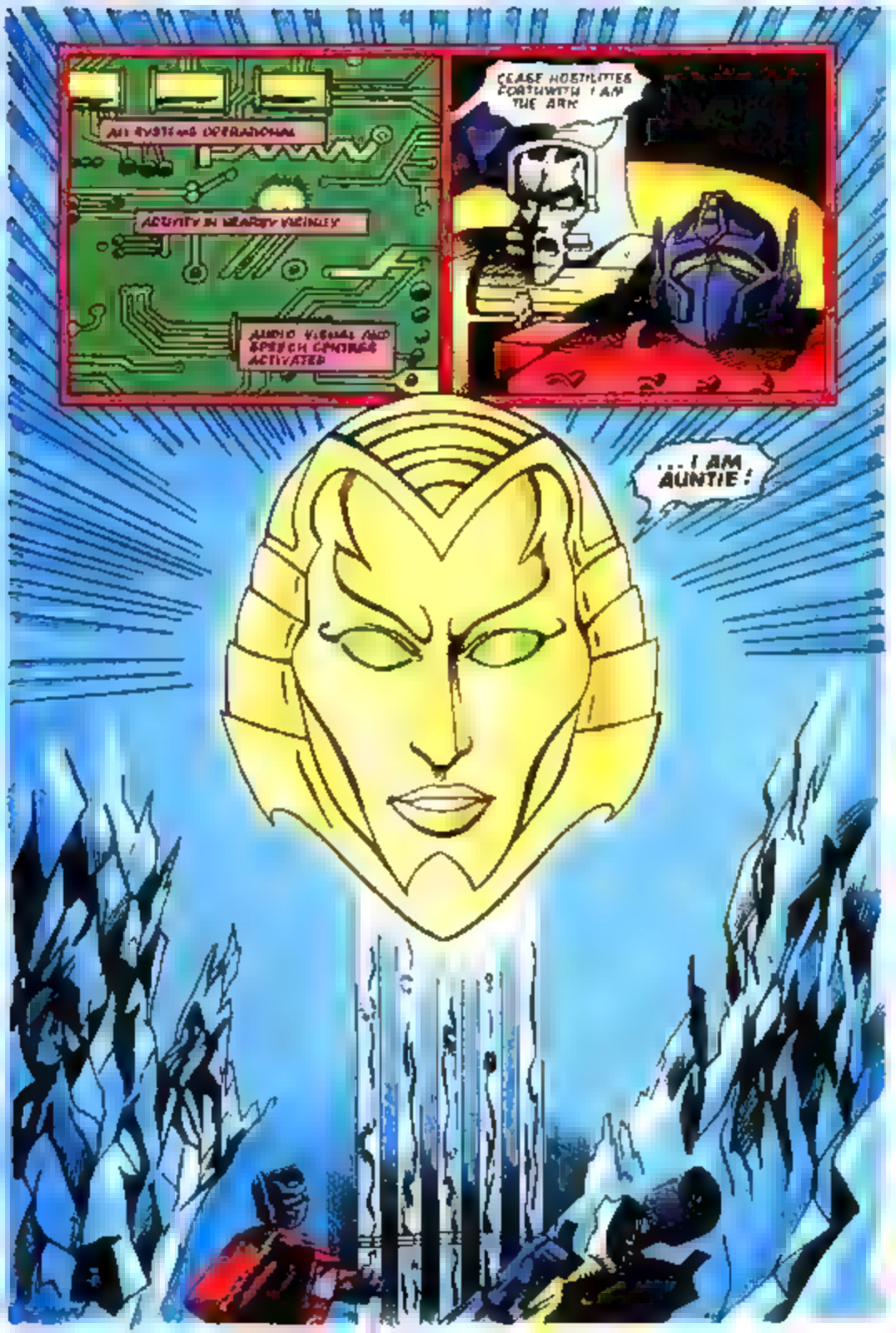


MEMORY... LOGIC CIRCUITS REASSEMBLING...


ALL SYSTEMS OPERATIONAL
ACTIVITY IN NEARBY VICINITY
AUDIO VISUAL AND SPEECH CENTERS ACTIVATED
CEASE HOSTILITIES FORTHWITH I AM THE ARK
...I AM AUNTIE!

WHILE OUTSIDE THE BATTLE STILL RAGES!
AND NOW I'LL
BUT THEN...
HEY WHAT THE...?
KLAANGG!
OOF!
JUST WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

THERE. THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT
NOW WHERE WERE WE ? OH, YES, I CAN CLEARLY SEE THE REASON FOR YOUR REQUEST FOR HELP. ALL THAT FIGHTING, NOT NECESSARY. I'LL SETTLE YOUR DISPUTE FOR YOU.
I'LL HEAR BOTH SIDES OF YOUR PROBLEM, AND ERADICATE THE LESS DESERVING OF YOU.
AUNTIE LISTEN TO ME SOME OF YOUR MEMORY CIRCUITS MUST BE DYSFUNCTIONAL. I AM OPTIMUS PRIME, LEADER OF THE AUTOBOTS. WE BUILT YOU. THE DECEPTICONS ARE OUR ENEMIES. THEY ARE EVIL.
NO LIES ! IT IS WE WHO ARE THE WRONGED PARTY IN THIS WAR. THE AUTOBOT SCUM TO FOOL YOU . .
SILENCE !
NOBODY BUILT ME. NOBODY'S FOOLING ME. I SHALL JUDGE YOUR CASE. ONE GROUP WALKS AWAY. THE OTHER DOESN'T. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT !
LET THE TRIAL BEGIN
NEXT:
UNHOLY ALLIANCES

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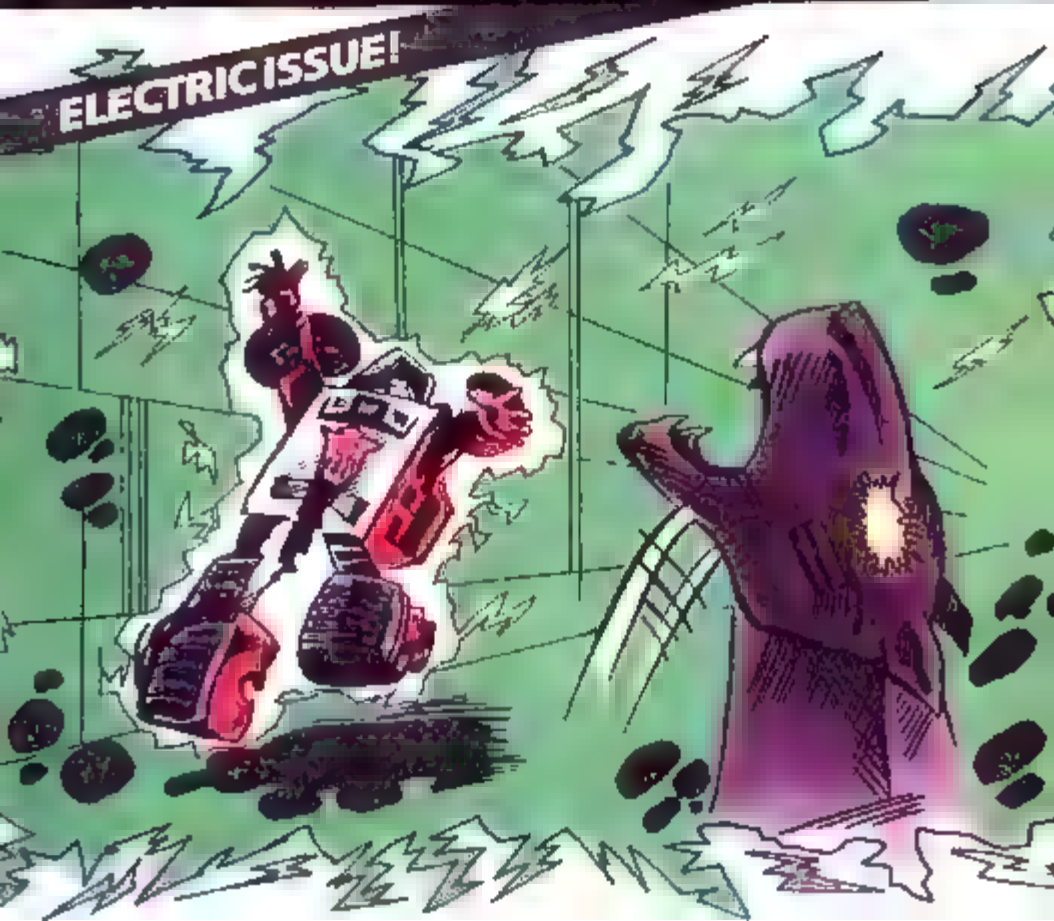
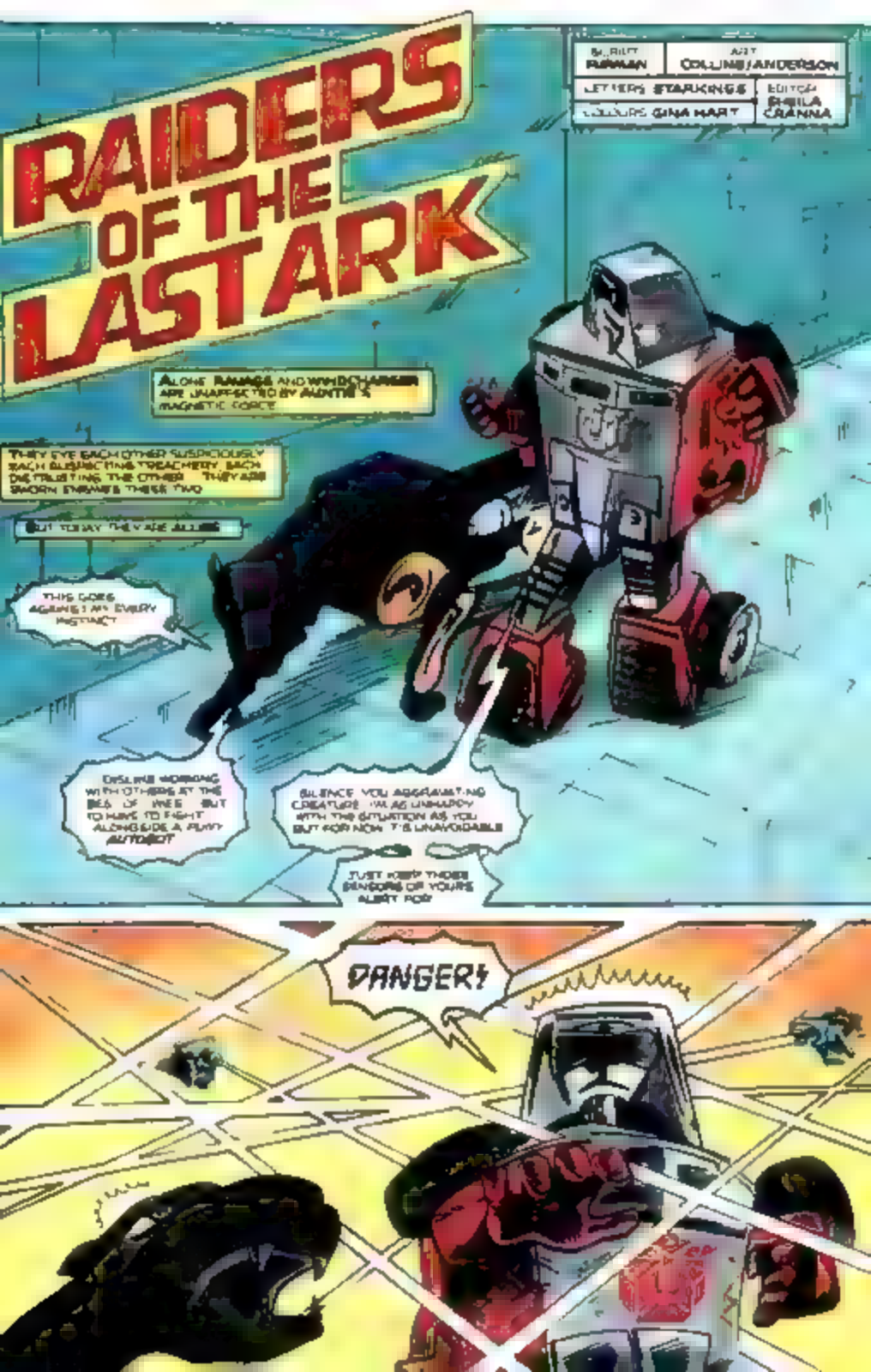
ELECTRIC ISSUE!




RAIDERS OF THE LAST ARK
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ALONE RANGER AND WINDCHARGER ARE SNAPPED TO BY AUNTIE'S MAGNETIC FORCE
THEY EYE EACH OTHER SUSPICIOUSLY EACH SUSPECTING TREACHERY, EACH DISTRUSTING THE OTHER. THEY ARE SWORN ENEMIES, THESE TWO
BUT TODAY THEY ARE ALLIES
THIS GOES AGAINST MY EVERY INSTINCT
DESPITE WORKING WITH OTHERS AT THE BEST OF TIMES, BUT TO HAVE TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE A PUNY AUTOBOT
SILENCE YOU AGGRAVATING CREATURE! I'M AS UNHAPPY WITH THE SITUATION AS YOU, BUT FOR NOW IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
JUST KEEP THOSE BLASTERS OF YOURS ALERT FOR
DANGER!

OH MARVELLOUS I'LL DEAL WITH ANY THING THAT PHOENIX AT US HE SAYS
SHUT IT RUST-BUCKET
AND WATCH
THERE, HAPPENED?
IF YOU'D BEEN PAYING ATTENTION IN THE FIRST PLACE
WAIT! MASSIVE BLOCK TO REAL BUILD UP WE'LL HAVE TO

SCREEE!
MARGH!
AS UNCOMMON DARKNESS THREATENS TO OVERWHELM THE VALIANT AUTOBOT WINDCHARGER, HIS MIND DRIFTS UNBIDDEN TO WHAT HAD COME BEFORE
THE FRAGMENTED
IN THE DESCEPTICON ARMADA HAD BEEN LOCKED IN DEADLY COMBAT PART OF AN ALL OUT BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS
IT WAS NOT GOING WELL FOR THE AUTOBOTS
THEN AT THE HEIGHT OF THE BATTLE THEIR LEADER OPTIMUS PRIME HAD TRACED INTO THE ARK THE DESCEPTICON LEADER MEGATRON, FOLLOWED
A GHOST HAS AFTER THE BATTLE HAS BEEN ABRUPT TERMINATED THE ARK'S HULL MYSTERIOUSLY MAGNETISED AND ALL COMBATANTS PINNED HELPLESS
WELL NOT ALL HELPLESS MEGATRON HAD BEEN ABLE TO NEGATE THE MAGNETIC POWER BY REVERSING THE POLARITY OF THEIR OWN MAGNETIC FIELDS
ONLY ALONITE HAD THE POWER TO ACCUMULATE WHAT THEY HAD WITNESSED THE LIVING BRAIN OF THE ARK HAD SOMEHOW BEEN REACTIVATED

BUT SOMETHING HAD GONE DREADFULLY WRONG
THEY HAD REGRETTABLY AGREED TO AN ALLIANCE. THE ARK'S INNER DEFENCES WERE FORMIDABLE. TWO MIGHT SUCCEED IN REACHING AUNTIE WHERE ONE WOULD SURELY FAIL. BUT NOW... NOW...
OPTIMUS IS IT ALRIGHT WE
AND IF WINDCHARGER COULD HAVE SEEN THE TABLEAU UNFOLDING IN THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE ARK, HE MIGHT HAVE FELT HIS FEARS JUSTIFIED.
YOU MUST BELIEVE ME AUNTIE. YOU BROUGHT US HERE FROM CYBERTRON AND YOU WERE DAMAGED IN THE BATTLE WITH THOSE MURDEROUS DECEPTICONS
NO. THAT ISN'T WHAT HAPPENED AT ALL. WE'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, WE WERE ON A MEDICAL MISSION. THE TREACHEROUS AUTOBOTS SABOTAGED IT, FORCED YOU TO CRASH
AUNT E. THERE IS A SIMPLE WAY TO RESOLVE THIS. SOME OF YOUR MEMORY CIRCUITS MUST BE NON-FUNCTIONAL. DIG DEEP IN THE ARK'S OWN TAPES. THEY TELL THE WHOLE
SILENCE!
THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH ME NOTHING. I HAVE HEARD BOTH YOUR ARGUMENTS AND WILL NOW DELIVER MY VERDICT. THOSE THAT JUDGE INNOCENT WILL BE ALLOWED TO GO FREE. THOSE JUDGED GUILTY
WILL BE DESTROYED

MEANWHILE
MADNESS! UTTER MADNESS AUNTIE WAS CREATED AS A BENIGN ENTITY. NOT SOME RAGING MEGALO-MANIAC. YOUR BLASTED FUSION CANNON MUST HAVE SCRAMBLED HER CIRCUITS. SHE MUST BE SHUT DOWN AND FAST
COLD FEET OPTIMUS? AFRAID THE VERDICT WILL GO AGAINST THE AUTOBOTS?
YOU FOOL MEGATRON DO YOU THINK FOR A MOMENT THAT SHE'LL LET ONE OF US JUST WALK AWAY? SHE'S PLAYING WITH US UNLESS WE BREAK FREE SHE'LL SLAUGHTER US ALL
OH SEE YES, YOU COULD BE RIGHT WELL IN THAT CASE
MAY BE ABLE TO GET US FREE
UNNH MANAGED TO SHUT DOWN SYSTEMS BEFORE THE CURRENT GOT TOO STRONG
LOOKS LIKE WINDCHARGER WASN'T SO LUCKY
HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO DESTROY HIM OR LEAVE HIM TO THE ARK'S TENDER MERCIES
CURSES!
IT SEEMS ONE YOU THANKS SAVAGE IF YOU HADN'T REPAIRED MY CIRCUITS. MIGHT HAVE LAIN THERE INDEFINITELY
WINDCHARGER, YOUR WORDS ONLY MAKE ME REGRET MY ACTIONS

BUT RAVAGE SOON REVISES HIS OPINION AS TIME AND AGAIN TEAMWORK SAVES THEM FROM CERTAIN DESTRUCTION
UNTIL AT LAST
THIS IS IT BEHIND THIS DOOR SHOULD BE AUNTIE AND HOPEFULLY A FEW ANSWERS AS WELL
DON'T LIKE AFTER ALL I'VE DONE TO STOP US YOU'D THINK THERE'D BE MORE THAN AN ARMOURED DOOR
TURN,
GUARDIAN!
NEXT
THE FINAL BATTLE

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YOUR JULY CALENDAR PLUS DECEPTICON CHECK-LIST!

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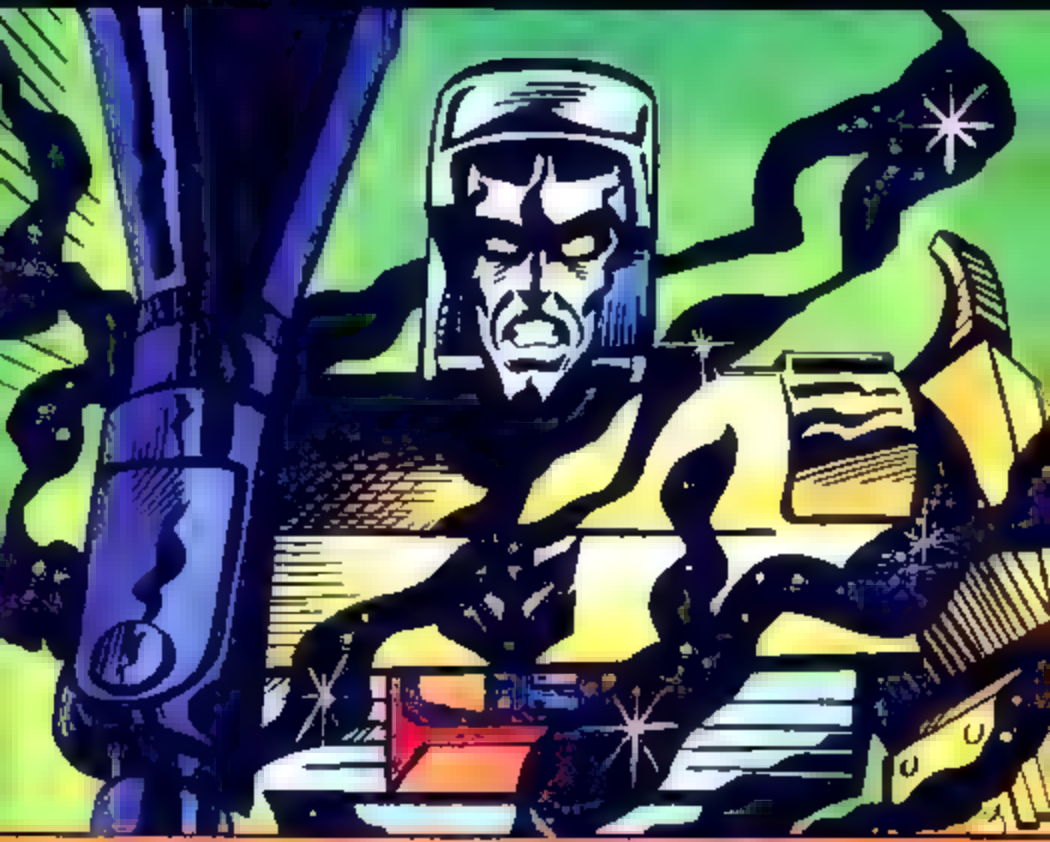

THE MIGHT OF MEGATRON!

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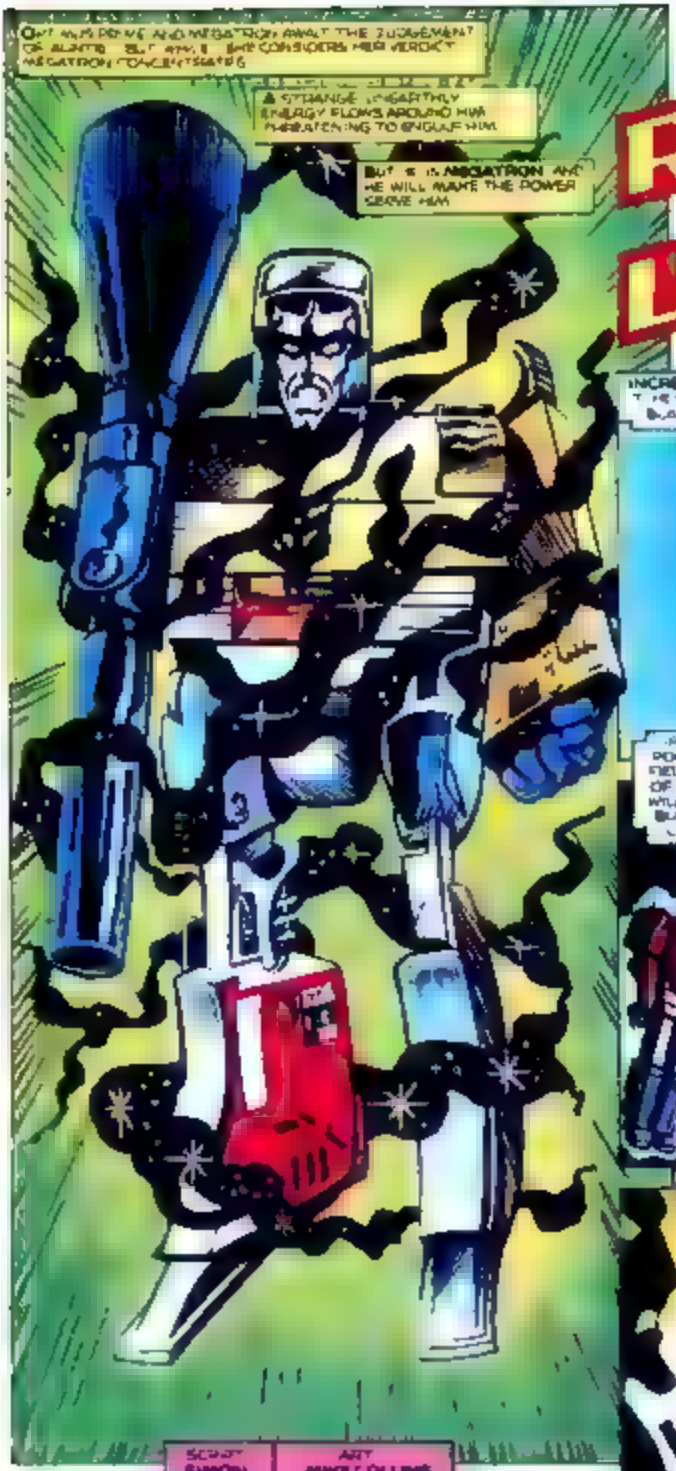
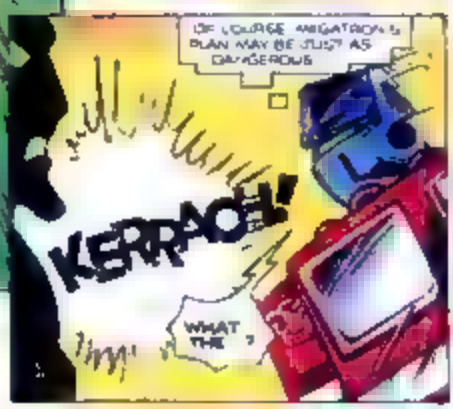

ONLY MAN POSSESSES KNOWLEDGE AWAIT THE JUDGEMENT OF ALIENS BUT ARK II HAS CONSIDERED HER VERDICT NEGATIVE CONCENTRATE
A STRANGE UNEARTHLY ENERGY FLOWS AROUND HIM THREATENING TO ENGULF HIM
BUT IT IS MEGATRON AND HE WILL MAINTE THE POWER SERVE HIM

IF HE CAN RELEASE THAT POWER THROUGH THE STASIS FIELD THAT HOLDS US THE MIX OF MATTER AND ANTI MATTER WILL DESTROY ALMITE DRASTIC BUT NECESSARY SHE IS A LIABILITY TO US ALL



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WHAT?!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE BIG GUY. RAVAGE YOU SEE TO THE MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE.
LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING, THE DECEPTICON HURLS HIMSELF AT AUNTIE...
TO HER CREDIT, SHE REACTS FAST
BUT RAVAGE IS FASTER
NOOOOOOOOOOOO
AND AUNTIE "DIES" FOR A SECOND TIME
KRISHT!

AND, WITH HER DYING, THE FIELD HOLDING THE TWO LEADERS ALOFT VANISHES.
MEGATRON LANDS WELL, OPTIMUS PRIME DOES NOT!
UNGH!
KRUMP!
IT SEEMS THAT MY EFFORTS WERE UNNECESSARY OPTIMUS SUCH A PITY
BUT AFTER HAVING GONE TO THE TROUBLE OF ABSORBING ALL THIS ENERGY
IT SEEMS A SHAME TO WASTE IT!
AT LAST! I THOUGHT I'D NEVER GET THAT LIFELESS LUMP OFF ME
WAIT! WHAT'S HAPPENING? OH NO!
I'LL NEVER REACH HIM IN TIME, BUT MAYBE THE STRONGEST, TIGHTEST MAGNETIC FIELD I CAN MUSTER
WILL DO THE JOB FOR ME
WHA-?

MEGATRON IS HURLED UPWARDS BY THE REPELLING MAGNETIC FORCE!
THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE ARK!
AND OUT THROUGH THE TOP OF THE VOLCANO!

THEORETICALLY, WINDCHARGER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO KNOCK MEGATRON INTO THE FAR REACHES OF SPACE ... BUT THE AUTOBOT IS PRONE TO OVERLOOK LITTLE DETAILS LIKE ...
SYSTEMS OVERLOAD!
I'M BURNING UP!
OPTIMUS PRIME IS SILENT AS HE SURVEYS THE WRECKAGE
LATER
AND WHEN THEY SAW MEGATRON'S SPECTACULAR EXIT, THEY TURNED TAIL AND FLED. HEY! WHY SO GLUM? WE WON, DIDN'T WE?
BUT AT WHAT COST? WINDCHARGER, JAZZ, PROWL, HOUND AND BRAWN ARE ALL UNDERGOING MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION, WE'RE LOWER ON FUEL THAN EVER AND AUNTIE WILL TAKE A LONG TIME TO RE-BUILD.
THAT IS IF WE DARE TAKE THE RISK OF REACTIVATING HER!
ANYWAY, IT'S JUST A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE
WE'LL BE BACK
AND RETURN THEY DID, AS WAS SEEN IN ISSUE 8. THAT TIME IT SEEMED AS IF THE DECEPTICONS WERE TRIUMPHANT, THE STORY PICKS UP FROM THERE IN TWO WEEKS' TIME ... DON'T DARE MISS IT!